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REMARKS

The Examiner has entered a restriction requirement grouping the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 6, 10 and 11; and;
Group II: Claims 7-9 and 12-15.

For prosecution in this Application, Applicants elect Group II, namely claims 7-9 and 12-15, without traverse.

If Group II is elected, for claim 9, election of a single family of colorant is required including an exact description of the family of colorant. For claim 13, election of a single family of powders and powder coatings is required including an exact description of the powders and powder coatings. For claim 15, election of either natural or synthetic materials is required.

With respect to claims 9 and 13, by this Amendment, such claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering the election with respect to such claims moot.

For claim 15 Applicants elect a synthetic material.

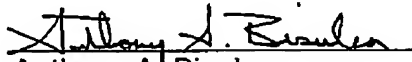
It will be noted by the Office that Applicants have added new claims 16 and 17 drawn to a recording fluid and inkjet ink having the aqueous colorant preparation according to claim 7, respectively.

It is believed that this Amendment and Election is fully responsive to the restriction requirement and the election of species.

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As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However, if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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